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MICRON CONTACT OPENINGS AND A  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed January 2, 2002, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on April 2, 2002.